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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended): A gemstone having a surface at least part of which is polished, ~~characterised~~characterized in that the polished surface comprises a plurality of adjacent facets, and in that the polished surface area comprises from 4 - 25 facets per mm² of surface area, wherein the majority of facets are asymmetrically shaped, and wherein the plurality of facets is not arranged in a symmetrical pattern.

2. (Currently amended): A gemstone as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised~~characterized in that the surface of the stone comprises 4 - 15, ~~preferably 10-12~~ facets per mm² of surface area.

3. (Currently amended): A gemstone as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised~~characterized in that that adjacent facets extend under an angle with respect to each other, the angle between adjacent facets being between 0.1° and ~~[-]5°~~.

4. (Currently amended): A gemstone as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterised~~characterized in that the angle between adjacent facets is between 0.25° and ~~[-]1.0°~~.

5. (New) A gemstone as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the surface of the stone comprises 10 - 12 facets per mm² of surface area.

~~56~~. (Currently amended): A gemstone as claimed in any one of claims 1-~~[4]~~5, ~~characterised~~characterized in that the facets are applied along the surface of the stone.

~~67~~. (Withdrawn): A gemstone as claimed in any one of claims 1-~~[5]~~6, ~~characterised~~ in that the facets have a geometrical shape which may be regular or irregular.

~~78~~. (Currently amended): A gemstone as claimed in any one of claims 1-~~[6]~~5, ~~characterised~~characterized in that the facets have virtually the same or different shapes.

~~89~~. (Currently amended): A gemstone as claimed in any one of claims 1-~~[7]~~5, ~~characterised~~characterized in that the gemstone has a contour and characterized in that the facets follow the contour of the gemstone.

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910. (Currently amended): A gemstone as claimed in any one of claims 1-[8]5,
~~characterised~~characterized in that the gemstone is selected from the group comprised of
precious ~~or~~and semi-precious stones.